New Vocabulary Words

1. Feudal: (adj.) absurdly outdated or old-fashioned

Sentence: The way my grandparents punished me was feudal.

2. Pungent: (adj.) having a strong smell or taste

Sentence: Eating the lemon was a bad idea; it was quite pungent!

3. Banter: (n.) the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks

Sentence: The banter during class made Patterson chuckle because his class had such an interesting dynamic.

4. Saunter: (v.) walk in a slow relaxed manner, without hurry or effort

Sentence: Not wanting to go back to class, Kevin Lombard sauntered through the hallway.

5. Vitality: (n.) the state of being strong and active; energy

Sentence: Though Patterson was filled with vitality Monday morning, most of his students drooled on their desks languidly.

6. Incessant: (adj.) continuing without pause or interrupted (thought of as unpleasant)

Sentence: The incessant banter of the students caused Mr. Patterson to stop chuckling and become fractious.

7. Wan: (adj.) pale or giving the impression of illness and exhaustion

Sentence: After a student told Patterson *The Great Gatsby* was not a novel worthy of the American Canon, Patterson’s face became wan and his heart broke into a million little pieces.

8. Feign: (v.) to pretend to be affected by; to fake an emotion

Sentence: Patterson feigned surprise when the student told him she didn’t have her homework completed.

9. Elocution: (n.) the skill of clear and expressive speech; ability to speak ‘wicked good’

Sentence: After the speech in front of the class, it became clear that the student had powerful abilities of elocution.